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SUBJ: SELA TECHNICAL MEETING CONVENES IN MEXICO

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: DESPITE VARIOUS INDICATIONS OF CANCELLATION, THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS OF LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM (SELA) CONVENED IN MEXICO CITY ON NOVEMBER 8 AND IS EXPECTED TO RUN UNTIL NOV 12. THE MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD IN THE NEW THIRD WORLD INSTITUTE AND ARE HEADED BY MEXICO, WITH VENEZUELA AND PERU AS VICE CHAIRMEN, AND PANAMA AS SECRETARY. ROMEO FLORES CABALLERO OF THE MEXICAN SECRETARIAT OF NATIONAL PATRIMONY IS GENERAL CO-ORDINATOR OF THE MEETINGS.

2. ORIGINAL AGENDA STATED TOPICS AS 1) MULTINATIONAL (GOVERNMENTAL) CORPORATIONS, 2) FERTILIZERS, AND 3) HANDICRAFTS. HOWEVER, MEXICAN PRESS, AFTER THE FIRST DAY'S SESSION, REPORTS TOPICS DISCUSSED WERE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CEMENT FACTORY IN GUATEMALA AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ACTION COMMITTEE TO DESIGN A REGION-WIDE PROGRAM FOR PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF HIGH PROTEIN FOOD SUPPLEMENTS.

3. MOST IMPORTANTLY, FLORES CABALLERO TOLD THE PRESS
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THAT SELA WILL FORMALLY REQUEST WASHINGTON TO REVISE

THE US FOREIGN TRADE ACT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF THIS
SELA MEETING WAS REPORTEDLY TO GIVE A FINAL TRIBUTE
TO OUTGOING PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA, A PRIME MOVER ALONG
WITH CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ IN THE FORMATION OF SELA.
HOWEVER, THE MEETING SO FAR APPEARS TO BE A LOW-KEYED
TECHNICAL GATHERING TO PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING ANNUAL
SELA MEETING SCHEDULED FOR CARACAS IN JANUARY.
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